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Subject: New Bedford Harbor CAD Cell Review

Scott and Curt – Wanted to let you both know that we are hiring Dr. Henry Bokuniewicz of SUNY Stony Brook to help us review the Lower New Bedford Harbor CAD Cell proposal currently under review at EPA. His resume is attached. He comes highly recommended to us from folks working on the Hudson River PCB cleanup as well as scientists at Woods Hole Oceanographic.

Specifically, we are asking Dr. Bokuniewicz to assist us in reviewing (1) the long-term viability of the proposed cap under various storm and sea level rise scenarios (meaning: if we bury these PCBs “forever”, what is the likelihood that they stay buried over many decades) and (2) the potential for recontamination of the capped area from the downstream migration of PCB-contaminated sediments in the Acushnet River while the Superfund cleanup continues in the most polluted areas for possibly another three decades.

We are still keeping an open mind about this alternative as we share the city’s strong desire to see the Superfund Cleanup accelerated. But we need to better understand the risks before we can endorse the idea. We intend to have this external review completed by the September 10th comment deadline and I will keep you posted as to what Dr. Bokuniewicz comes up with, if anything, once he digs into the details of the proposal.

Mark

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